World Bank Recommendation Model Drugs

1123. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the list of model drugs recommended by the World Bank has been approved/accepted by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) World Bank's World Development Report 1993 refers to the Model List of Essential Drugs' developed by WHO. This list, was first drawn up in 1977, and has been revised several times and also includes about 270 products which are considered important and effective for dealing with health problems in developing countries.

We have developed our own list of essential drugs relating to different levels of health care.

Birth Rate During the Eighth Five Year Plan

1124. SHRI RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government intends to bring down the birth rate of 1.78 per cent as proposed in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the action taken during the First Year of the plan period?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps taken are:—Several measures are being taken which include the adoption of an Action Plan by the State Health Ministers for improving the quality and outreach of services, promotion of spacing methods among young couples, differential measures in 90 demographically backward districts, involving voluntary and non-governmental organisations to promote community participation, strengthening mother and child health care services through Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme, strengthening Information, Education and Communication activities for promoting awareness for adopting Small Family Norm.

Introduction of New Family Planning Scheme FRU

1125. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a New Family planning scheme known as First Referral Unit (FRU) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how the scheme is proposed to be implemented;

(d) whether any targets have been set under the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (e) The First Referral Units (FRU) are to be established in districts with high maternal mortality rates to provide for emergency obstetric service to women and paediatric care to Neonates, infants and young children.

The FRUs are to be set up for a population of 4-5 lakhs in a district and 219 such districts are proposed to be covered in a phased manner under the scheme;

A total of about Rs. 21.90 crores is expected to be incurred on supply of equipments for the FRUs in 219 districts by Government of India.

Decline in Population Growth Rate

1126. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the population growth rate has declined from 2.22 per cent in 1971—81 to 2.14 per cent in 1981—91;

(b) if so, whether it was for the first time since 1921—31 that population growth rate has declined;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that decline in population is not enough as the population is growing rapidly;

(d) whether any concrete proposals are being worked out to control the population growth in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?